

FREE CLINIC GREAT SUCCESS

Fifty-four Trachoma Cases
Operated—Some of Years
Standing

OVER TWO HUNDRED
CASES WERE EXAMINED

Health League Workers are
Greatly Encouraged at
Success

The Trachoma (sore eyes) free Clinic held at the Madisonville Y. M. C. A., building Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, under the auspices of the Hopkins County Health and Welfare League, proved to be an unqualified success in every way. Dr. John McMullen, surgeon and Trachoma expert in the government service, who did the operations with assistance from local physicians, pronounced it the best Clinic he has held, in many ways. The cooperation on the part of the physicians and people of Hopkins county he said was the best he had ever known, and he said the preparation and the building and equipment provided was better than other previous Clinics. And of volunteer help, professional and otherwise, there was all and more than could be used.

During the three and a half days of the Clinic well over 350 cases of afflicted eyes were examined, most of them Trachoma, and four-fifths were operated. The gymnasium room was fitted up with beds, where the patients remained, usually over night, after night, but many were able to go home earlier.

The afflicted came from many parts of the county, some from more than twenty miles distant. One well-to-do father from Webster county visited the Clinic Saturday, with two youngsters, to get Dr. McMullen's opinion on their eyes and went away happy. Several cases of elderly people underwent the more serious operation of shortening the eyelids, after having suffered much pain and incapacity for many years.

It became clear Saturday afternoon that the work could not be completed and Dr. McMullen yielded to request of officers of the Health League that he continue and complete the work on Sunday morning. This he readily agreed to do, and left Sunday on the noon train for Louisville. Miss Williamson, organizing nurse, left Monday for Henderson to look after the matter of the Henderson County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, which has been hanging fire for some time on account of delay in making the promised appropriation by the fiscal court. This has now been arranged and plans are being perfected for the formal opening of the sanatorium about January 1st.

Miss Neville, of Louisville, patron of free Trachoma Clinics in Kentucky, was there and helping in person but left before the Clinic closed, because there was such abundance of good local help present. She gave the blankets and much of the linen used for the Clinic and made a cash donation besides. The materials given will become the property of the Health League and go into its supply chests for future use.

The generous action of the State Y. M. C. A., Committee in granting the use of its building and equipment free of charge to the Health League for the Clinic has come in for much favorable comment from those who knew of this action.

Miss Frederick, visiting nurse for the League, is the happiest woman Hopkins county and, though a little worn by strenuous work, is ready and busy again on the health relief work to which her time is devoted. Some thirty physicians of Hopkins

county attended the Clinic and many of these assisted in the work in the operating room. The League purposes to hold these free Clinics every two months until Trachoma is cleaned out in Hopkins county.

Vital Proposals Embodied in Tax Report

Change of system whereby intangible property and machinery of manufacturing concerns, raw materials on hand and materials in process of manufacture are made subject to State taxation. This reform is intended as an inducement to capital and as a boon to the industrial development of Kentucky.

Reduction of the State tax rate from 55 cents to 40 cents on the \$100 valuation, by which it is expected by the commission that a largely increased amount of property will be brought forward for assessment.

Creation of a bipartisan Central Taxing Board of three members, with wide authority over county assessing boards and with power to make reassessments at the expense of counties.

Central Taxing Board to stipulate the total assessments of counties to meet State's revenue requirements.

Each of permanent Tax Commissioners to receive \$4,000 annual salary. Other expenses of commission not to exceed \$20,000 per year. Neither commissioners nor employees to be permitted to engage in "pernicious political activity."

Agricultural development sought in that farm machinery is removed from local taxation.

New State commission to take the place of the State Board of Equalization and the State Board of Valuation and Assessment. Also to have the assessing and valuing power of the State Railroad Commission.

Bank deposits freed from all save a special State tax of 10 cents on the \$100, which the banks themselves pay for their depositors.

Real estate mortgages made subject only to State rate, except that mortgages for longer than three years will be subject to recording tax of 25 cents on the \$100.

Recommendations of commission embodied in three bills. Enactment of these at the earliest possible moment urged.

Present commission's work ended after labors extending through seven months.

Modern tax systems in many States investigated to develop the best system possible for Kentucky.

Germany's Pledges Clearly Violated

Washington, Dec. 11.—Announcement was made at the State Department today that complete information now at hand covering the case of the British horse ship *Marina*, torpedoed with a loss of six Americans makes it appear to be a "clear cut" violation of Germany's pledges to the United States.

Hearing On Eight-Hour Law Jan. 8

Washington, Dec. 11.—Arguments on constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law were today set by the Supreme Court for January 8.

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ODD FELLOWS

Will Have Charge of Idle Hour on Dec. 14—Benefit Orphans Home

The Odd Fellows lodge of this city will have charge of the Idle Hour, both matinee and night, on Dec. 14 for the benefit of the Orphans Home in Lexington. In addition to the regular reels there will be two reels showing motion pictures of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such as spectacular parades, gorgeous uniforms and unique marching formations. These shows should be patronized by all as they are for a splendid cause.

Protracted Meeting Ends

The series of meetings, which has been a progress at the Christian church for several weeks, closed Saturday night. Rev. S. S. Jones, of Madisonville, conducted the revival. He preached some powerful sermons. There were several additions.

WANTED—A BED OF CLAY

WANTED—Information as to the location of a bed of white or bluish white clay of sufficient depth to use in the manufacture of brick. Any one knowing of a bed of clay of this kind write or phone this paper

SOCIAL ITEMS

"508" Club

The "508" Club met Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Trahern. All members were present and Mrs. Trahern had the highest score. At the close of the evening, the hostess served a delightful salad course. The club meets next week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Sisk.

Auction Whist Club

Mrs. G. O. Atkinson was hostess of the Auction Whist Club on Tuesday afternoon. Mesdames Alford, Sizemore and Miss Katherine Victory were guests of the club. Mrs. Atkinson made the highest score. Mesdames Kline, Rule, Ross, Southworth, Johnson, Atkinson, Nisbet and Cowell are named in order of their standing in the total score.

THE SICK

Dr. O. B. Johnson is able to be out again. John Sommers is some better. J. F. DeVijlder is about the same. Henry Wyatt is improving. Mrs. Carrie Arnold continues to improve.

New Barber Shop

I. H. Dunning has opened a barber shop in the old poolroom building on South Railroad street and invites the patronage of the public. He has up-to-date fixtures.

N. I. TOOMBS

The Old Circuit Clerk Will be a Candidate for High Sheriff

In a conversation with Nick Toombs, the old circuit clerk, he informed us he was undoubtedly a candidate for sheriff of this county and would later make his announcement in due form. Mr. Toombs is well and favorably known in this county and will no doubt make a strong race.

Health Talks at School and Sunday School

Tuberculosis week was celebrated in Earlington with a talk at chapel Thursday morning at the schoolhouse by Prof. C. E. Dudley, and at the Methodist Sunday school Sunday morning in talks by Prof. Dudley and Paul M. Moore. At the latter exercises Prof. Dudley talked on tuberculosis and Mr. Moore spoke of the general work of the Hopkins County Public Health and Welfare League and of the successful trachoma clinic just closed. Rev. W. F. Cashman, of the same church, announced that he would prepare and deliver a talk on the same topic at an early date. The movement for better health protection is gaining strength and emphasis throughout the country and just now is being emphasized systematically through public meetings held everywhere.

STANLEY FORCES ARE ON TOP

Percy Haley Was Unsuccessful Despite Talk of Victory

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 10.—Complete returns on the result of the state-wide precinct conventions held last Saturday a week ago fully sustains the claims of a substantial victory for the administration forces, although there were ambitious assertions to the contrary, before the results were ascertained and verified.

In all counties where the lines were strictly drawn and wet and dry democrats contested for supremacy, it is remarkable in view of the widespread sentiment prevalent in both parties, urging submission of a prohibition amendment, that the supporters of the present administration were victorious in a majority of counties over the Beckam-Haley machine. The alignment, wet and dry, was about even in the other counties where the prohibition issue did not figure.

It is certain, from the developments of the past week that Percy Haley made a desperate effort to again obtain a foothold in state democratic politics, the primary intention being to secure enough of a following to accomplish the nomination and reelection of United States Senator Beckham a couple of years hence and to give strong opposition to Senator James in the 1918 primary. Gen. Haley realizes, it seems that the latter is of major importance, shrewdly figuring that as long as Olie James is in the United States Senate, Beckham must play a poor second fiddle as far as patronage is concerned. And without patronage at his disposal General Haley is an "also ran" in the political field.

Road Meeting At Bowling Green

On Jan. 17th to 20th, inclusive, there will be held at Bowling Green, Ky., the County Road Engineers' Convention. It is the first time that such a meeting has ever been held in Western Ky. and all Counties Officials and the State Department are endeavoring to make the meeting the largest of its kind ever held in Kentucky.

At all previous meetings of this character, the theory of road building has been mostly discussed, but, after two years work under the state aid plan, road men throughout the state now have practical problems to discuss and the program has been arranged with that end in view.

It has been recommended by the State Office that every County Judge bring his entire court to the meeting and that the county pay the expenses incurred by such a trip.

44 Children in Family; Have Good Appetites

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 11.—Comes a story from Ypacarai, Department of Paraguarí, Paraguay, that Jacintho Ohilavert, merchant and congressman, and his wife are the proud parents of forty-four children, who have been arriving for twenty years in squads of two, three, and even four, and are all living and in good health.